

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is provided to impart greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to place the claims in condition for allowance, rather than to avoid prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above identified application. As of the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005, Claims 4-5, 8, 14-18 and 28 were pending. Claims 4, 5, 8, 14-18 and 28 were rejected. Claims 4, 8, 14, 16 and 28 are amended.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the presently amended claims. Applicant has amended the claims, in accordance with the Examiner's requirements, to more clearly comply with the statutory requirements of 35 USC § 101. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 4-5, 8, 14-15, 16-18 and 28 are presently in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present claims for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Lawrence M. Mennemeier at (408) 765-2194.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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